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COURSE NO. 10.ST.MH.HOMELESSCONF.A
Homeless Veteran Summit: Ending Homelessness among Veterans in Five Years

November 3 – 5, 2009

Place: Washington Marriott Wardman Park
2660 Woodley Road, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Purpose: The Department of Veterans Affairs has pledged to combat veteran homelessness by establishing a national "zero tolerance" policy for veterans falling into homelessness. This initiative has transformed the landscape of homeless veterans' programs and services. This summit will promote inter-agency collaboration and community partnerships for eradicating homelessness among veterans and their families, and serve as the starting point for implementing VA's five year plan to end veteran homelessness.

Outcome Objectives: At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. articulate key components of VA's five year plan to end veteran homelessness
2. increase awareness of homelessness prevention strategies
3. describe the various points of access for homeless veterans and families to the continuum of health care services and housing assistance provided by VA, federal, state, local and tribal governments, community and faith-based agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations
4. expand awareness of specific needs of special homeless populations
5. increase collaboration between inter-agency programs serving homeless veterans and their families
6. strengthen linkages with federal, state, local and tribal governments, community and faith-based agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations serving homeless veterans and their families.

Target Audience: Multidisciplinary teams, individuals, and federal, state and community agencies responsible for the organization, management and treatment continuum for homeless veterans and their families.

Accreditation/ Approval: **Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)**
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Program Schedule

Travel Day – Monday, November 2, 2009

Pre-Conference Sessions (not for credit)

8:30 am	HCRV Pre-Conference Training	Maryland A - B	
1:00 pm	Planning Sessions		
	- Network Homeless Coordinators	Virginia A-B	
	- MH RRTP Workgroup	Delaware A - B	
4:00 pm	VA Homeless Program Managers' Forums		
	- GPD Liaisons	Wilson ABC	
	- HCHV Coordinators	Washington 1 - 2	
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration		Ann Osman

Day 1 – Tuesday, November 3, 2009

7:00 am	Registration and Sign-In		Ann Osman
8:00 am	Call to Order and Presentation of Colors “Pledge of Allegiance”	Marriott 2-3	Armed Forces Color Guard
8:15 am	National Anthem	Marriott 2-3	MCVET Choir
8:30 am	Welcome	Marriott 2-3	Gerald Cross
9:00 am	Current National Perspectives on Homelessness	Marriott 2-3	Nan Roman
9:30 am	Prevention & Innovative Practices in Ending Homelessness	Marriott 2-3	Dennis Culhane
10:15 am	Break		
10:30 am	Community Advocates Update	Marriott 2-3	
	- National Alliance to End Homelessness		
	- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans		
	- Corporation for Supportive Housing		
	- National Health Care for the Homeless Council		
	- National Coalition for the Homeless		

11:45 am	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)		
1:00 pm	Keynote: The Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness	Marriott 2-3	Secretary Eric Shinseki
2:00 pm	Current Research Trends in Veteran Homelessness	Marriott 2-3	Robert Rosenheck Dennis Culhane Roger Peters Steve Metraux Coleen Clark
3:00 pm	Break (<i>move to breakout sessions</i>)		
3:15 pm	<u>Breakout Sessions #1</u>		
	New Initiatives in Congress to End Veterans' Homelessness	Maryland A	Steve Berg
	Addressing the Legal Needs of Veterans	Maryland B	Steve Binder
	Expanding Community Collaboration	Maryland C	John Briggs
	Comparing Two Service Delivery Models for Homeless Individuals with Complex Behavior Health Needs	Virginia A	Colleen Clark
	Veteran's Court: It's Time is Here	Virginia B	Cherilyn Desouza
	Homelessness Prevention: Community and Faith-Based Partners	Virginia C	John Driscoll
	The Women of Walker House: An Option for Women on the Edge	Delaware A	Marsha Four
	Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Services: A Community Effort to End Homelessness	Delaware B	Michael A. Leon
	Utilizing the Grant and Per Diem Programs in Your Community	Washington 1	Melanie Lilliston
	Ending Veterans Homelessness Through Public/Private Partnerships	Washington 2	Tori Lyon
	The Challenges of Meeting the Special Needs of Homeless OEF/OIF Veterans	Washington 4	John Scott

	Who Stays? Program Retention in a Treatment-based Per Diem Program	Washington 5	Michael D. Ullman
	African American Homeless Veterans	Marriott 2-3	Ron Armstead
5:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting	Marriott 2-3	George P. Basher
6:00 pm	Welcome Reception/Poster Session	Exhibit Hall	

Day 2 – Wednesday, November 4, 2009

7:00 am	Registration		Ann Osman
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General Session

8:00 am	Charge for the Day	Marriott 2-3	Pete Dougherty Paul Smits
8:15 am	Outreach – Treatment – Housing: An Integrated Continuum of Care Model for the Homeless Veteran	Marriott 2-3	Lisa Pape Irvin Goodwin Keith Harris Roberta Rosenthal
9:00 am	Substance Abuse Treatment: A Vehicle for Homelessness Prevention	Marriott 2-3	A. Thomas McClellan
9:30 am	Federal Interagency Alliances to Combat Homelessness		
10:00 am	Break		
10:15 am	Collaborative Models: A Key Strategy In Homelessness Prevention and Intervention	Marriott 2-3	Robert V. Hess Laura Green Zeilinger Fernando O. Rivera Sister Mary Scullion
11:15 am	Break (<i>move to breakout sessions</i>)		
11:30 am	<u>Breakout Sessions #2</u>		
	Continuity of Care and Community Collaboration to Impact Rural Homelessness	Maryland A	Michael Bland
	Supporting Housing Alliance for Veterans, or	Maryland B	Katherine Gerard

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	Veterans and Re-entry	Maryland C	Desiree Groves
	Housing Homeless Veterans: Building Intergovernmental Relationships One Block at a Time	Virginia A	Mary Wilson Hall
	Breaking Free: A New VA Model for Breaking the Prison Mindset That Leads to Homelessness and Recidivism	Virginia B	Jonathan Hartiens
	HUD-VASH “ A Landlord’s Perspective”	Virginia C	Stewart Hill
	Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Veterans	Delaware A	Kelly W. Kent
	Veterans Connect: An Urban Project Connecting Homeless Veterans to Service Through an Extensive Bi-Monthly Collaboration	Delaware B	Judith Klain
	New Program Helping Homeless Veterans to Secure Permanent Independent Housing	Washington 1	Alicia Lucksted
	Reaching Out – Serving Seriously Ill Homeless Veterans	Washington 2	Kandyce Powell
	From Despair to Hope, a Drop In Center-Community Collaboration Model in Buffalo, New York	Washington 4	Donna Sherman
	Collaboration in Supportive Service Provision at Housing First Projects	Washington 5	Diane M. Waite
12:45 pm	Lunch (on your own)		
1:30 pm	Tailoring Outreach to Address the Needs of Returning Veterans at Risk of Homelessness	Marriott 2-3	John Brown Peggy Kennedy Alfonso R. Batres
2:15 pm	Effective Federal Agency Partnerships: Working Together to Prevent Homelessness	Marriott 2-3	Mark Johnston John McWilliam Pete Dougherty
3:15 pm	Break (move to breakout sessions)		

3:30 pm

Breakout Sessions #3

Single Topic Sessions

Implementing the VJO Initiative Utilizing a Team Approach in VISN 7 *Maryland A* *Patricia Bradford*

The Challenges of Meeting the Special Needs of Homeless Women Veterans *Maryland B* *Diane West*

Vets-Welcome Home: Empowering Veterans to Create Their Own Sober Homes *Maryland C* *Bruce Macdonald*

Voice Messaging as a Communication and Information Resource *Virginia A* *Steve Albertson*

Transitional Supportive Housing and Intensive Care Management for Homeless and At-risk Veterans Awaiting Admission to Addiction Treatment *Virginia B* *Suzanne E. Shealy*

An Overview of the Grant and Per Diem Program *Virginia C* *Wei Li Fang*

Consolidated MHR RTP Admission Across VISN 20 *Delaware A* *Michal Wilson*

Multi-Agencies Collaboration to End Homelessness *Delaware B* *William L. Daniels*

Dual Topic Sessions

(1) Veterans and Fatherhood: A Research Study *Washington 1* (1) *Bradley J. Schaffer*
(2) A Collaborative Approach to Addressing Child Support Issues of Re-entry Veterans in New York State (2) *Jonathan Pollack*

(1) Indiana Department of Correction Veteran Re-entry Program *Washington 2* (1) *Kellie Meyer*
(2) Early Development of VA Programs for Justice Involved Veterans (2) *Richard DeBlasio*

(1) The Power of a Paycheck: Providing an Exit from Homelessness *Washington 4* (1) *Anthony Campinell*
(2) Mental Health Recovery As a Pathway to End Homelessness (2) *David Carroll*

- (1) Incorporating Competing Needs, Housing Assistance and Income Supports into an Open Access Primary Care Model
 (2) Applying the Chronic Care Model to Homeless Veterans

Washington 5 Thomas O'Toole

5:00 pm Professional Organization Forum *Marriott 2-3*

Day 3 – Thursday, November 5, 2009

7:00 am	Registration		<i>Ann Osman</i>
8:00 am	Charge for the Day	<i>Marriott 2-3</i>	<i>Madhulika Agarwal</i>
8:15 am	Welcoming Remarks	<i>Marriott 2-3</i>	<i>L. Tammy Duckworth</i>
8:45 am	Implementation Strategies to End Veteran Homelessness	<i>Marriott 2-3</i>	<i>Pete Dougherty Paul Smits</i>
9:15 am	Homelessness Services: Operation Strategies and Opportunities for Collaboration	<i>Marriott 2-3</i>	<i>John Kuhn Steve Berg Trevor Hadley Andrea White Vince Kane Danielle Bastarache</i>
10:30 am	Break		
10:45 am	Veterans Justice Programs Update	<i>Marriott 2-3</i>	<i>James McGuire Sean Clark Jessica Blue-Howell Paul Hutter</i>
11:30 am	Closing Remarks	<i>Marriott 2-3</i>	<i>Pete Dougherty Paul Smits</i>
12:00 pm	Conference Adjourn		

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Completed online registration applications are due on or before **Wednesday, October 21, 2009**. Information on participation may be obtained from Lauren Elliott, Project Manager, St. Louis Employee Education Resource Center, #1 Jefferson Barracks, Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125 phone 314.894.6457.

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